

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Devin Leake et al.	Examiner:	Amy Hudson Bowman
Serial No.:	10/551350	Group Art Unit:	1635
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Title:	MODIFIED POLYNUCLEOTIDES FOR USE IN RNA INTERFERENCE		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 21, 2009. Reconsideration and further examination are hereby requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Response** begins on page 4 of this paper.